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Dear Principal:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the 31st Annual Congressional High School Arts Competition. This year's theme is "An Artistic Discovery."

Since 1982, over 650,000 high school students have participated nationwide in the Congressional High School Arts Competition. I hope you will encourage your students to submit their artwork so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their talent and participation. The winner of the Art Competition will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 14, 2005. The winner's artwork will be exhibited in the Capitol for one year.

The deadline for submission of original artwork to my District Office is 5:00pm, Friday, May 13, 2005. The winner of the competition will be announced at a special awards ceremony on May 28, 2005.

Enclosed with this letter please find a description of the Art Competition, guidelines and prize descriptions. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to receiving submissions from your students. Should you have any questions, please contact Irena Vidulovich or Rosalynn Silva of my district office at (818) 501-9200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Sherman".

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress

Guidelines 2005

General Guidelines

- The competition is open to High School students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12 grades in one building. Each Member office can choose whether or not to include 7th and 8th grades in the art show if there are schools in their district that fit this criteria.
- Official resources are to be used only to the extent authorized by the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.
- In order to allow an art work to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:
 - Two-Dimensional Only
 - Each Art work can be **no larger** than 32 inches by 32 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame
 - No more than 4 inches in depth
 - Art work must arrive in Washington by the time specified and Framed to the appropriate Framing Guidelines (see below)
- Art Work Categories are as follows:
 - Paintings: Oil, Acrylics, Watercolor, Etc.
 - Drawings: Pastels, Colored Pencil, Pencil, Charcoal, Ink, Markers
 - Collage: Must be 2 dimensional
 - Prints: Lithographs, Silkscreen, Block Prints
 - Mixed Media
 - Computer Generated Art
 - Photography
- An Attached Form must be signed by the Teacher and the Student to certify the originality of the art piece.
- Each Entry must be an Original in Concept, Design and Execution and may not violate any U.S. Copyright Laws.

Note: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing Photo, Painting, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the Competition Rules and **will not** be accepted.
- The Final Decision regarding Suitability for the Exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.

Framing Guidelines

- **All Work**, except for Oil Painting, needs to be protected by a Plexiglas or Glass Frame.
- **Framed Work** should be **no larger** than 32 inches high, 32 inches wide, and 4 inches deep including the outside dimensions of the frame. Please double check size before sending the entry to Washington. Due to wide participation of Member offices, framed work larger than the dimensions will be turned away.
- Frames should be kept as simple and as sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended.
- No "snap on" Frames with Glass are to be used.
- Plexiglas is better to use than glass over the artwork in order to avoid breakage. If glass is used, cover the entire surface completely with masking tape prior to shipping.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.
- Use sturdy Picture Hangers. Two hooks should be attached at the right and the left sides of the back of the work in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. This is a judgment call.
- Since frames will be suspended by wire from overhead molding, please do not put wire between the hooks.
- Do not attach Labels, Ribbon, Etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the Glass or Plexiglas.
- If the Artwork is Abstract in design, please indicate on the back side which side is up.
- As directed by the House Oversight and Standards of Official conduct Committees, each district winner is responsible for framing his or her own winning entry. Any hardship cases should be assisted at the district level; works can no longer be framed by the Architect of the Capitol.
- A copy of the Student Information/Release Form **must be** attached to the back of the artwork along with an Adhesive Label as shown. (Please make sure you retain a copy for your office).
- Please use the largest label you have available.

Adhesive Label

Members Name:
State and District:
Title of Piece:
Student's Name:
Student's Address and Phone Number:

An Artistic Discovery
Student Information/Release Form

MEMBER: _____ STATE: _____

Note: this form is used for printing of program certificates. Please make sure all information is complete and correct.

ART STUDENT'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GARDIAN: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

SCHOOL: _____ ART TEACHER: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

ART TEACHER PHONE: _____

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

MEDIUM: _____ (Be Specific) FRAME DIMENSIONS: _____

Originality Certification

I hereby certify that this is my original work and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, book illustration, website, or by another person.

Teacher's Signature and Date

Students signature and Date

Artwork Release

In consideration of your acceptance of an art entry in 'An Artistic Discovery', the Congressional Art competition sponsored by the Congressional Members Organization, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant you our consent for public display in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition of the said art entry if selected in accordance with the rules of the Art Competition. The undersigned hereby releases you, your agents and the United States from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry. The undersigned further represents that this art entry is an original work of art personally executed by the entrant for which the entrant has secured, or is entitled to secure a copyright. The undersigned further grants to the Government, through its agent, the Congressional Members Organization, the right to authorize and include this work in a derivative work, such as a compilation wherein this work is depicted as one of a set representing the competition, 'An Artistic Discovery', in a book or pamphlet form for the benefit of the Government. Notwithstanding the above, the undersigned shall retain all proprietary rights, including but not limited to legal title, and beneficial copyright ownership in the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition, but grant you, your agents, and the United States a gratuitous license to use the art entry and photocopy or reproduce the same for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend you, our agents, and the United States against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including and relating to copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to this agreement and the display thereunder of the proffered art entry. The final decision regarding the suitability of an entry to be displayed in the Capitol will be made by a panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. If I win I agree to allow my entry to hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition.

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Student's Signature and Date